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LTC Shawn P. Underwood received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry through the University of Central Arkansas ROTC program in 1996. As a company grade officer, he served in various positions including Rifle Platoon Leader, and Rifle Company Executive Officer in 1-325th AIR at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Following graduation from the Infantry Captains Career Course, LTC Underwood served as the Brigade S3 Air in 2nd BDE, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Hovey, in the Republic of Korea.

Upon returning he was assigned as an Assistant Operations Officer during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Charlie Company Commander in 1-12 Infantry then a Reconnaissance Troop Commander, 3HBCT, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Co during a second deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

LTC Underwood graduated from the Army Command and General Staff College in 2009 and was assigned to G3 as Chief of Operations where he served as the Division's Chief of Operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom / Operation New Dawn. Upon return, he was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment serving as the Battalion Operations Officer; and Brigade Operations Officer in 4th IBCT, in 1st ID at Fort Riley, Kansas. During this time, the unit deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Upon return from deployment in 2012-13, LTC Underwood served as a Movement and Maneuver Observer Controller Trainer and Chief Observer Controller, Operations Group Foxtrot, Mission Command Training Center, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

In 2014, LTC Underwood was reassigned to the Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE), Fort Benning, Georgia and served as the Deputy Commander for the 199th IN BDE (Leader Development).

LTC Underwood's education includes a degree in Kinesiology and is a graduate of the Commanding General Staff College. His awards and decorations include the, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge.